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Felton Man Found Guilty of Retaliating Against a Witness

FARGO - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on January 6, 2010, **Justin Ray Peterson** of Felton, Minnesota, was found guilty by a 12-person jury of retaliating against a witness. United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson presided over the trial.

Peterson, 25, was found guilty of threatening and assaulting a witness who provided information in a federal drug trafficking investigation. The incident occurred in September 2009 in the District of North Dakota.

The charge of retaliating against a witness carries a statutory maximum penalty of ten years' imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Sentencing for **Peterson** has been scheduled for March 26, 2010, in United States District Court in Fargo, North Dakota, at 10:00 am.

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